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SOURCE AN AMERICAN OBSERVER (B) FROM DONOR

BEGINNING THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT WILL DISRUPTED WITH

— 2. DONOR ADVISED KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER GROUPS

FROM VIETNAM

1. [REDACTED] MEMETA EXISTED THAT THERE

WAS A MILITARY PLAN FOR AN OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT
 NOT ADVANCE OF THE CONTINUING BUDHIST PROBLEM
 EXCEPT FOR ONE OR TWO GENERAL OFFICERS, ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT.
 THE MILITARY WILL BE IN ORDER TO BREACH THE AREA DOWN FROM TAKING
 THE PLAN CONSISTS OF A MILITARY RULER ADVISED BY A COMMITTEE OF
 TO DO THIS AND BEHIND THE INCIDENT TO BECOME A MILITARY LEADER
 THREE. THE NOMINAL LEADER WOULD BE UNABLE TO TAKE ANY ACTION
 TO THE PEOPLE IMAGINED THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM WOULD
 WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE.
 THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE ADVISED THE MILITARY WOULD HAVE

2. [REDACTED]

THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE ADVISED TO VCL IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF

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3. [REDACTED] THAT THE REASON FOR THE MILITARY TAKEOVER WAS

THAT PRESIDENT DIEM HAD FAILED TO ACT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF
HE DID NOT LEAVE TO THE PEOPLE THE CHOICE OF THE REAL LEADERS
VIETNAM ON THE OCCASION OF THE 8 MAY BUDDHIST INCIDENT IN HUE.

5. [REDACTED] DID NOT SPECIFY THE LINGUO OF THE FOLLOWING BUT SAID THAT
THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE ADMITTED ITS MISTAKE AND MADE AMENDS
MAYBE THE FOLLOWING OF THE COMMITTEE.

TO THE PEOPLE INVOLVED; THE GOVERNMENT UNFORTUNATELY FAILED

THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A DECISION
TO DO THIS AND PERMITTED THE INCIDENT TO BECOME A NATIONAL ISSUE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM MUST ACT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE VIET CONG FROM TAKING
EXCESS FOR ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS. IT WOULD BE IN VIETNAM
FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE CONTINUING BUDDHIST PROBLEM.

4. [REDACTED] THAT THE ENTIRE NGO FAMILY MUST BE ELIMINATED
BUT DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER THEY WOULD BE KILLED OR MERELY EXILED

1. [REDACTED] COMMANDER OF THE ARMY CORPS
FROM VIETNAM.

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

ONE PROBLEM INVOLVES THE JUNIOR OFFICERS,

AMONG WHOM THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF DISSATISFACTION, AND ONE OF

THE SEVERAL STAGES OF THE MILITARY PLAN INCLUDES MEANS OF

SATISFYING THIS GROUP OF OFFICERS.

7. WHEN THE MILITARY GROUP ASSUMES POWER OVER THE GOVERNMENT,
ELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE HELD FROM
THREE TO SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE TAKEOVER OF POWER.

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